

**Subject Line:** *"Save the Date: "Designing Suburban Futures" Island Press Author Event*

## **"Designing Suburban Futures" Island Press Author Event**

Since the start of the Great Recession, more suburbs have become the site of distressed neighborhoods, empty strip malls, aging office parks, and excess parking lots. Could they instead be centers of innovation and resilience? Yes, says June Williamson, co-author of *Retrofitting Suburbia* and author of the new book *Designing Suburban Futures: New Models from Build a Better Burb* (Island Press, May 2013).<sup>1</sup>

This special Roundtable event brings Island Press author and Associate Professor in the Spitzer School of Architecture at the City College of New York, June Williamson, to explore the potential to refit and reshape suburbs into thriving and vibrant communities, reflecting from the 'Build a Better Burb' competition she helped conceive and organize in New York. With June and several local community partners, we will have an engaging discussion about what these ideas could look like in our region, and where our needs are greatest, including buildings, infrastructure, and the social and environmental landscape.

Mark your calendar - details below!

### **Details**

**Date/Time:** Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 1:30 pm

**Location/Address:**

Tukwila Community Center, Banquet A  
6300 Southcenter Blvd., Suite 100  
Tukwila WA 98188

**Brown Bag:** As a lunchtime event, you are welcome to bring lunch to enjoy during the Roundtable.

**Directions:**

- *By Bus:* See [Metro's Trip Planner](#) to map out your transit options.
- *By Car:*

*Southbound on I-5:*

Take exit #156 (Tukwila, Interurban Ave);  
Turn right onto Interurban Avenue S., proceed north;  
At stop light at 42nd Avenue S, turn right;  
Cross the Duwamish River;  
Tukwila Community Center is immediately on your right.

*Northbound on I-5:*

Take exit #156 (Tukwila, West Marginal Way);  
Take the Tukwila exit, turn left onto Interurban Avenue S;

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<sup>1</sup> Press Release, Island Press, May, 2013

Move to the right lane;  
At stop light at 42nd Avenue S, turn right;  
Cross the Duwamish River;  
Tukwila Community Center is immediately on your right.

*North or Southbound on Tukwila Intl Blvd/Pacific Hwy. S. (Hwy 99)*

Turn east onto S. 130th Street;  
Continue straight, at Macadam Road turn left (north);  
Cross Interurban Avenue S and the Duwamish River;  
Tukwila Community Center is immediately on your right.

*Eastbound on SR-518/I-405:*

Take I-5 north exit;  
Follow the directions above for Northbound on I-5.

*Westbound on 518/I-405:*

Take I-5 north exit;  
Cross to the right lane;  
Follow the directions above for Northbound I-5.